

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, August 6, 1728.

From the Evening Post, July 30.

Paris, Aug. 1.

LAST Week the Queen was in Labour from 4 in the Morning till a Quarter after 8, when she was delivered of a Princess, who was sprinkled in Presence of the King and the whole Court. The said Princess is very well: Her Nurse is Wife of a Man who keeps an Eating-house at Paris. Her Majesty grows better daily. All the Diversions and publick Rejoicings which were prepar'd against the Birth of a Dauphine, have been suppressed.

Rome, July 17. Here is Advice from Bologna, That the Princess Sobieski has miscarried 3 Months before her Time.

From the Whitehall Evening Post July 30.

Hague, Aug. 3.

Extract of a Letter from Mannheim, of the 28th past.

Our Court, which is now at Schweitzingen, is under great Consternation. His most Serene Highness our Elector, is very ill, tho' all possible Endeavours are used to conceal it from the Publick. A Dose of Physick he took some Days ago, never work'd with him; and his Body begins perceptibly to swell. Two Expresses have been dispatched upon the Heels of each other, to acquaint the Elector of Triers with his Brother's Condition; so he is daily expected at Schweitzingen. The Vulgar, on the other hand, have pretty odd Notions of 2 young Princes, Sons of the Countess of La Tour and Taxis, for whose Legitimation, they say, great Interest has been made at the Court of Vienna.

The Death of the Elector Palatine could not have happened in a worse Time for this Republick, than in the present Juncture: But should it happen so, the Elector of Triers must quit all his rich Benefices he has in the Church, to succeed his Brother in the Palatinate of the Rhine; which he may do without any great Difficulty, by reason he has not yet taken Priests Orders. The King of Prussia will doubtless be keeping a good Look-out, in

case of his Death, for an Opportunity to possess himself of the Dutchies of Bergues and Jassers, and the Lordship of Ravenstein. As for the Legitimacy of the 2 young Princes, which were born to a certain Prince by a Countess of La Tour and Taxis, the Imperial Court will never come into it: Nay, some Letters from Vienna say it has been already rejected, as an unseasonable Demand, and tending to the Prejudice of the lawful Heir; moreover, that it was directly contrary to the Treaty of Wusterhausen, and to the Promises made to the King of Prussia now some Time ago on the part of his Imperial Majesty. Mean while 'tis feared his Prussian Majesty will, when he hears the News above, order a great Number of Troops into the Dutchy of Cleves, to support what he calls his undoubted Right.

Instead of a Dauphine, the Queen of France has brought another Princess into the World, to the unspeakable Grief of that Kingdom and its Allies: For his Catholick Majesty will not now quit his due to the Crown of France, and consequently will become more untractable with regard to the general Peace, the Negotiations whereof will be resum'd at Soissons the latter End of this Week; the Expresses sent to Vienna and Madrid being now returned with the Answers of those Courts to the Pretensions of Great Britain and Holland; but little favourable to the Intentions of the Allies of Hanover, who persist in their former Demands, especially on the Crown of Great Britain. According to our freshest Letters from Paris, all the Plenipotentiaries that were there, had resolved to set out from Paris the 4th, and that the Cardinal de Fleury will follow them in a few Days, to give the greater Weight to Business by his Presence.

From the London Evening-Post. July 30.

Hague, July 30. It is thought the King of Denmark will, after all, revoke his Charter granted to the Company of Altena, for trafficking to the East Indies, and remove the Subscriptions from thence

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to Copenhagen, in Expectation that the Crown of a Son, set out immediately to go to her.

Great Britain and this State will acquiesce therewith. The Lord Glenorchy has been sounded upon this Head, but gave the Enquirers no other Answer, than that he would write about it to the King his Master, and let them know his Resolution as soon as he received it. But in the mean while it is certain, That a Settlement of this Nature at Copenhagen, cannot be so prejudicial to the English and Dutch Companies, as one at Altena, by Reason of the Distance of the former, is incommodious for selling India Goods into several Parts of Europe, whereas Altena is advantagiously situate upon the Borders of Hamburg and Germany.

Some Letters from Berlin, and even from Dresden, insinuate as if the Negotiations between those two Courts, which have lately made so much Noise in Europe, begin to lose Ground instead of advancing, and may possibly come to nothing at last; the King of Poland perceiving that his whole Kingdom, and even those who are firmest in his Interest, have taken the Alarm, and are resolved to run all Hazards, rather than give up their darling Liberty, to wit, the Choice of a King, which his Polish Majesty once little doubted of turning upon his Son the Electoral Prince of Saxony, by the Assistance of the Emperor and the King of Prussia. What Credit is to be given to these Advices, we will not pretend to determine.

Algiers, June 26. Our Cruizers have sent in here a Danish Dogger call'd the St. Francis, which they took in her Voyage from Norway to Cadix. Her Cargo consists of Tar, Stock Fish, &c. Her Master Hans Snell was killed. Also a Fregate of 8 Guns, under Imperial Colours, belonging to Naples, laden with Oil, Cotton, &c. bound from Malta to Marseilles. Two Sattees, under Imperial Colours, laden with Wheat, and some small Spanish and Italian Vessels, and out of them all are about 70 Men made Slaves. Most of our Cruizers are at Sea.

Faenza, July 19. Some Days ago the Chevalier de St. George came hither to see the Representation of a new Opera, which was followed by a sumptuous Entertainment which he gave to the Ladies of the City. The Marquis Spada had already great Preparations to treat that Chevalier: But this last having received Advice by an Express from Bologna, That the Princess his Spouse had miscarried of

Hamburg, July 30. 'Tis written from Mecklenburg, That the Duke Charles has accepted the Administration of the Dominions of the Duke his Brother, and that he had sent to M. Verbothen his Minister at Vienna, a very respectful Letter to return Thanks to his Imperial Majesty for this Favour.

Paris, August 1. The Queen continues as well as can be expected, and the new born Prince is likewise very well. It is still uncertain when the Plenipotentiary Ambassadors will return to Soissons; and 'tis likely that as long as Count Sinzendorf continues here, the Conferences will still be carried on with Cardinal de Fleury, in order to remove the Difficulties that might prolong the Congress: Some however are of Opinion, that it will not spin out to such a Length as was first apprehended.

London, July 30. We hear a Medal was lately struck in Honour of the late Dr. Friend, which has the Doctor's Profile on one Side, Esculapius on the other, with this Inscription *Medicina Virtus & Nova.*

From the St. James's Evening Post, July 30.

Vienna, July 26. They write from Gratz, That the Emperor has deferr'd his going to Trieste and Fiume, till it is known what Issue the Congress of Soissons will have. Mean time several important Dispatches are arrived there.

London, July 30. On Saturday last the following Ships of War were put in Commission at the Admiralty-Office, 15 for Guardships, and the other for Chanel Service.

Third Rates.

The Cornwall, Capt. Richard Hughes, 520 Men, 80 Guns, lies at Chatham.

Prince's Amelia, Capt. Rich. Saftock, 520 Men, 80 Guns, lies at Portsmouth.

Grafton, Capt. Nicholas Haddock, 440 Men, 70 Guns, lies at Chatham.

Nassau, Capt. Robert Coleman, 440 Men, 70 Guns, lies at Chatham.

Kent, Capt. Robert Falkingham, 440 Men, 70 Guns, lies at Portsmouth.

Royal Oak, Capt. Coningsby Norbury, 440 Men, 70 Guns, lies at Portsmouth.

Fourth Rates:

Sunderland, the Hon. George Clinton, 390 Men, 50 Guns, lies at Chatham.

Guernsey, Capt. St. Loe, 288 Men, 50 Guns, at Chatham.

Severn, Capt. John Fleming, 280 Men, 50 Guns, at Chatham.

Kingston, Capt. Francis Dansays, 365 Men, 60 Guns, at Portsmouth.

Dreadnought, Capt. Christopher Obrian, 365 Men, 60 Guns, at Portsmouth.

Falkland, Capt. Samuel Aitkins, 280 Men, 50 Guns, at Portsmouth.

York, Capt. John Cockburn, 365 Men, 50 Guns, at Portsmouth.

Winchester, Capt. James Luck, 280 Men, 50 Guns, at Plymouth.

Affiance, Capt. Tho. Graves, 280 Men, and 50 Guns.

Sixth Rate:

Success, Capt. ----- Smith, 115 Men, 20 Guns.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, Aug. 1.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

THE Advices by it relate, That the King of Portugal has forbid all his Subjects to have any Commerce or Correspondency with the Court of Rome, and ordered all the Pope's Subjects to depart the Dominions of Portugal; forbidding likewise to admit into his Ports any Merchandizes coming from the Ecclesiastical State. An Ordinance has been affixed to the Gate of the Post Office, that after the Expiration of 20 Days, no Letters will be taken in from Rome, and that those which should arrive from that City, should not be delivered out. And his Portuguese Majesty designs to publish forthwith a Manifesto to justify his Conduct to the Roman Catholick Princes with respect to the Pope.

As to the Proceedings of the Congress at Soissons, we are advised by Letters from thence of the 1st instant N. S. That the Plenipotentiaries who are there, continue their Conferences as usual, but that nothing of Moment has been done therein, the first Ambassadors Plenipotentiaries being not yet returned thither, and it was not certainly known when they would; from whence some People are apt to infer, That the Answers brought by the last Expresses are not so favourable as was ex-

pected. We find that the Court of Madrid, among other Things, still persists to raise the extraordinary Indulso of 18 3 4ths per Cent. upon the Effects of the Ship lately arrived at Port Passage, as well as upon those to come on board the Galleons, the Arrival of which, that Court much long for: But we wish they would shew themselves as readily disposed to the Execution of the Preliminaries. Mean Time should there be occasion, our Fleets can find the Way again to those Seas they were lately sent to; and 'tis believed that the 16 Men of War put into Commission last Saturday, may be for some other Service than that of Guard Ships.

The Honourable Artillery Company of this City, finely equip'd, marched out under the Command of their General Sir John Thomson, and performed a fine Exercise in the Artillery Ground, in Honour of his late Majesty's Accession to the Crown. The said Company divided into 2 Bodies, and being drawn up in Order of Battle, made a Representation of a Fight, and afterwards of a Siege, in Form of Bombarding, Cannobading, Springing of Mines, Throwing of Grenadoes, &c.

This Morning died very rich, Paul Joddrel, Esq; aged upwards of 80, above 40 whereof he had been Clerk to the House of Commons, but by reason of Age and Infirmities resigned that Office.

Three more Ships, viz. Bridgewater, Letheulier, and Montague, are arrived from the East Indies, and have brought, besides other Commodities, 1000 Wt. of Cotton Yarn, 123000 of raw Silk, 117000 of Red Wood, and 47000 Weight of Salt-petre.

There is an Account of 8 more of our Greenland Ships being arrived in the River; That 14 of them had taken 17 Whales and an half; That 3 were empty, and one named the Bear was lost on the Ice. And as to the Success of the other 5, there's yet no Account.

Mr. Godfrey, Surgeon to the 2d Regiment of Foot Guards, having in a Duel with Capt. Duval, last Tuesday Night, received several Wounds, particularly one in the Belly judg'd mortal, the Captain is committed to Newgate.

The Body of Mr. Rostock, Exchange Broker is not yet found; but 'tis the Opinion of some that

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he is gone beyond Seas. We are told that his Brother, who is an eminent Physician in Covent Garden, and most of his Relations, have wrote to France, Holland and other Foreign Parts, to know If he may be arrived there; but have not yet got any Account thereof.

Mr. Godfrey above mentioned, is dead of his Wounds.

South Sea Stock 100, 1 half. Ditto Annuities 103 1 half. Bank 133 1 half. India 162.

P. S. 'Tis reported that the South Sea Ship Pr. Frederick is arrived at Cadiz.

From the Evening Post, July 30.

Vienna, July 24. We have it from good Hands, That the King of Prussia is sending the Prince Anhalt-Dessau to execute a certain secret Commission at the Imperial Court, some of the Domesticks and Pages of that Prince being already arrived. This makes People conjecture, that Matters of great Moment will be negotiated between the Imperial and Prussian Courts.

Alicant, July 21. The Governor of this City has received Orders from Court, to admit all English and Dutch Ships coming from the North without performing Quarantine, provided they bring proper Certificates; so that they are now on a Level with the French and Portuguese.

Rome, July 12. There is a Scheme on foot for re-forging the Tranquillity of the Church of Franco, 'tis talked that the Cardinals of the Dominican Order are the Authors of it.

Paris, Aug. 7. They write from Lisbon, That a Manifesto is drawing up by Order of the King, for justifying in the Courts of all Catholick Princes the Conduct of his Portuguese Majesty with the Pope.

The freshest Letters from Madrid say, That the King still keeps his Chamber; the Queen has also been troubled with a sore Throat, for which on the 18th past she was blooded in the Foot, and it was hoped no ill Consequences would ensue. The Reports we had of his Catholick Majesty's Intention to Abdicate the Crown once more, were well grounded; but the Queen still opposes it.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 30.

London, Aug. 1. Last Night there was a General Council held at the Cockpit.

The Men of War design'd to compose the Sallee Squadron, are now victualling with all Expedition.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ That on Monday next the 12th Inst. in the House of Mrs. Thome Viatner in Edinburgh, at 3 o'clock after Noon, the Creditors of William Douglas of Glenbervy and Robert Douglas of Scotscraig, are desired to meet; when a State of their Gentlemen's Affairs shall be laid before them, which it is hoped will give the Creditors such Satisfaction as will prevent proceeding in Diligence against them. Such of the Creditors as cannot attend, will please send their Doers.

¶¶¶ That the Parks of Nisbet, containing about Three Plough-gang of Land, inclosed and divided by a Stone and Lime Dike, with a good Dwellinghouse two Stories high, and convenient Officehouses for a Farmer; As also, Four Plough-gang of Land not inclosed, having good Onsteads and proper Officehouses; all belonging to Sir Harry Nisbet of Dean, and within a Mile of Edinburgh: Are immediately to be set in Tack to 2 or 3 different Tenants for the ensuing Cropt 1729, at a reasonable Rent, and for such Space as can be best agreed on. The Rental and Conditions of the Tacks to be seen in the Hands of Archibald Stuart Writer to the signet, opposite to the Tolbooth: And any Tenant enquiring for Robert Henderson, Grieve at Dean, will be attended by him in viewing the Ground.

N.B. The above Plough-gangs of Land, for these 4 or 5 Cropts past, have been in the Hands of Sir John Nisbet of Dean, deceased, and were by him brought into perfect good Order for Tenantry. There are several Houses and Yards also to be set at Dean.

¶¶¶ It being resolved at a General Meeting of the Creditors of MERCHISTON, LETHEM and BLAIR, That their Clerk should raise the Summons of Adjudication for Behoof of the whole Creditors, as formerly advertised, against the 20th of August Inst: These are to desire such of the Creditors as have not already subscribed, and given in their Assignations in favour of the Trustees, and Extracts of their Grounds of Debt, to John Mein Writer to the Signet their Clerk, as directed by former Advertisements, That they would, betwixt and the said 20th of August Inst. do the same, otherwise they will be deprived of the Benefit of this common Adjudication; he being ordered by the above-Resolve, no longer to delay, but immediately after elapsing of that Day to raise the same, for the Behoof of such who shall have transmitted into his Hands their Assignations and Extracts of their Grounds of Debt. Any who has not got Copies of the Form of Assignation to be granted in the Trustees Favour, may have the same at the Writing-chamber of the said John Mein, 2d Stair below the Cross-well, Edinburgh.